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## ***Blunt files reopened over MI5 agent***

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**I**NQUIRIES into the case of Anthony Blunt, 74, the Queen's former art adviser, stripped of his knighthood for spying for the Russians, have been re-opened by the security services.

The inquiries, revealed by THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, are understood to centre on a former MI5 agent over the role he played in the Blunt affair.

### **The 'fourth man'**

Since November, 1979, when Mrs Thatcher named Blunt as being the "fourth man" who helped Burgess and Maclean to flee Britain in 1951, the files on his spying activities have never been officially closed.

At the time of Blunt's exposure, secret service chiefs expressed fears that other KGB agents might have been working inside MI5.

Blunt was given immunity from prosecution in 1964 when he was first confronted about his activities on behalf of the KGB, a decision subsequently criticised following other leakages of information.